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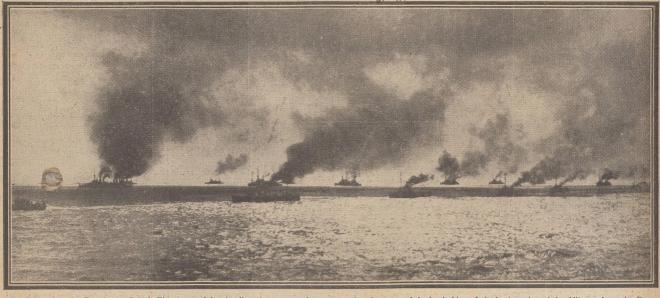
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THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE DARDANELLES: THE FRENCH AND BRITISH FLEETS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE STRAITS.



On Friday last the French and British Fleets started bombarding the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles. A number of Turkish forts were silenced. This remarkable photograph of the Allied fleets at the entrance to the Dardanelles was

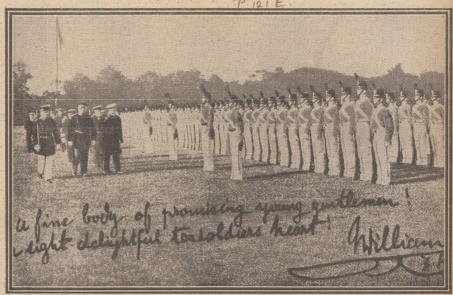
taken from one of the battleships. It is the intention of the Allies to force the Dardanelles, in which case it is safe to predict that Constantinople will fall into the hands of the Allies.

NURSE KILLED BY SHELL.



Nurse Rosa Vecht, of Amsterdam, who was killed while nursing the wounded by a shell dropped from a German aeroplane. She had a military funeral and her coffin was covered by the Dutch flag:—(Photograph by courtesy of The Jewish World.)

WHEN THE "MAILED FIST" SHOOK HANDS WITH AMERICA!



Here is the autograph of the German Emperor written across a photograph of General Scott and the foreign admirals who attended the Hudson-Fulton Celebration reviewing the West Point cadets in 1909. "A fine body of promising young gentlemen. A sight delightful to a soldier's heart," wrote the Kaiser. But he would not like to have the American Army in action just now.

WIDOW'S HOARD IN MOTHER'S GRAVE.

Indignant Denial of Flirtation in Bank-Note Suit.

"SOUL-UPLIFTING" TALK.

Mrs. Hague, the Camberwell doctor's widov who, buried a hoard of £1,200 in bank notes enclosed in a biscuit tin, under the flowers or her mother's grave in Forest Hill Cemetery, was again under cross-examination yesterday in Mr Justice Darling's court.

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Mrs. Hague claimed £385 as money lent to Mr. Thomas Bidwell Benton, who was one of the exemple the state of the second of the

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Harry Winter, an errand boy just out of hospital, who saved Anne Freeman from drowning at Mortlake. A man stood watching, but did not offer to help.

me to live within my income. That nest eggave me a sense of security which you can't ge from investments.

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Was the grave near a public footpath?—No, it was sequestered; I chose it on purpose.

There was nothing of an affectionate character between you and Mr. Benton?—No.

Was there friendship?—Y-sē.

Of a most platonic character?—Y-sē, very special friendship.

Was there mutual soul-culpifting conversation?—That is what Mr. Benton called it.

That is what Mr. Benton called it.

The said that he derived great comfort from it.

Mr. Vachell said that he was now coming to questions that it was his duty to ask. Mr. Benton had pledged himself that no actual im-propriety had taken place between himself and

Hague: Yes, he said that before the

master.

Counsel: But was there a certain amount of flirtation?—I should not call it that.

"I don't know what flirtation is," said counsel, "but did he squeeze you round the

waist?"
Mrs. Hague drew herself up. "Sir," she ex-claimed, "I should not allow it."
Mr. Vachell: But did he do it?—Certainly not!

SURPRISE FOR VICAR.

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Mr. Lewis Thomas, K.C., re-examining, asked about an occasion when the Rev. A. J. Waldron, Vicous and Carlos an

VOLUNTEER TRAINING CORPS.

Mr. Tennant (Under-Secretary for War), in reply to Mr. Sherwell, says that all Volunteer Training Corps which have become affiliated to the Central Association of Volunteer Training Corps are already recognised, and the recognition would be extended to corps affiliated in the

future.

In a further reply, Mr. Tennant says the Army Council certainly has no wish for their disbandment or the discontinuance of the movement. While considering that such corps are primarily for veterans, the Council hold that there is no objection to younger men becoming members of these corps if they think they have good reason to abstant from joining the Army, and undertake to enlist if specially called on

EGG "BOMBS" FROM SKY.

Witness Tells Judge of Flying Juggler Caterer Prefers Speakers in House of Who Was Covered in Yolk.

AEROPLANE EPISODE.

Amusing evidence with regard to a juggler

Amusing evidence with regard to a juggler who received flying lessons, and who, it was stated, took eggs up in the air to drop on his friends, was given in a case before Mr. Justice Avory and jury yesterday.

The British Deperdussin Aeroplane Co., Ltd., sued Mr. W. P. Hodgson, a music-hall juggler, known as Valazzi, of Voltaire-road, Clapham, for damages caused to a monoplane at Hendon. Defendant set up a counter-claim for damages for personal injury.

Mr. Harold Simmons, for the plaintiffs, said that the defendant had arranged to receive lessons in flying from the plaintiff company. According to the agreement it was arranged

According to the agreement it was arranged that the plaintiffs would not be liable under any circumstances for injuries stated of sustained by Defendant also entered into an agreement with the plaintiffs that in consideration of their allowing him some further practice on their monoplane he agreed to indemnify them against any loss consequent upon breakages of machines during such practice.

consequent upon breakages of machines during such practice.

In April defendant required further practice, and he was allowed to have the second best machine in the possession of the plaintiffs. Defendant commenced to climb with the machine, and had ascended to about 250ft, when, according to the evidence, he commenced to "stall." It, was alleged that owing to defendant unskifful management the machine came the Herbert of the commence of the commence of the Herbert of the commence of the Herbert of the commence of the Herbert of the plaintiff of the commence of the Herbert of the plaintiff company, stated that he knew the defendant as a pupil. He was not a careful filer. He was very careless, disregarded all instructions and played the fool. When passing his brevet test defendant while in the air, coming down himself covered with the yolk of the eggs.

Judge: Will you explain what you mean by this? Was he performing involve tricks with sine was here to have the comment of the property of the

Judge: Will you explain what you mean by this? Was he performing juggling tricks with the eggs in the air? Witness: He took up the eggs to drop on some of his friends on the ground. Judge: Was that an experiment or was it a trick? He was not supposed to be experimenting. He

e was not supposed to be experimenting. He taking his certificate.

The hearing was adjourned.

PICTURES OF NEW MODES

Wonderful Photographs in Monday's Great Dress Number of "The Daily Mirror."

The mamnoth Spring Dress Number of The Daily Mirror, which will be published on Monday next, will be one of the best special numbers we have ever published.

It will certainly be the finest dress number ever issued by a daily paper. It will deal with every kind of new fashion that is going to be worn in Great Britain, France and America, and will be illustrated throughout its twenty-four pages with the finest exclusive photographs. As a dress number it is unique.

Fashions have now reached a crucial point. The most startling changes are in the air. Tired, apparently, of always advancing in some new direction, fashions are now taking a glance backward.

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In this Spring Dress Number of The Daily Mirror will be shown pictures of the latest dresses—dresses with the full skirts of nearly a hundred years ago which foreshadowed the crincline. And there will be many other charming revivale.

In addition to this, the number will contain the opening chapters of a splendid serial of a new type by Miss Ruby M. Ayres. It is the best story she has ever written.

You should make a special point of ordering your copy to day, for there is certain to be a big demand for it. Twenty-four pages full of beautiful photographs for id.

ABSENTEES TO ESCORT ESCORT.

There was an amusing scene at West London Police Court yesterday, when a corporal and two privates from the A.S.C. came as escort for two absentees.

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Mr. Fordham (to the corporal): Have you rought any authority!—Yees, two men.

What time did you leave Miltord?—About 8.15 this morning
And you serive at this court at 2.30?—We had any the station for an hour.

Did you have some drink?—A little.

Mr. Fordham (to the absentees): Will you promise you will see that the ecort does not have more drink? The Absentees; Yes, sir.

Mr. Fordham: If you do not promise I shall Mr. Fordham: If you do not promise I shall not hand you over, because I do not think he is in quite a fit condition. Will you promise to look after him? The Absentees: Yes, sir.

SOLDIER'S WIFE STRUCK BLIND.

Goor, Feb. 25.—Having gene suddenly blind, Mrs. Mary A. Grimes, of Swinefleet, near Goole, the wife of a soldier at the iront, has had to go into the workhouse.

She was receiving 17s. 6d. a week from the War Office, but as her affliction rendered her incapable of looking after herself and her children the guardians have admitted her.

LOVES A BORE.

Lords Who Empty the Benches.

PEERS WANT CHEAPER DINNER.

Cheaper dinners and teas for peers are being eagerly anticipated by members of the House of

As a first sten towards this end noble lords are setting up a Kitchen Committee to control the

catering.

For a long time past the peers have been casting envious eyes at the excellent arrangements in the Lower House, where, under the supervision of a committee composed of members of all parties meals have been placed on the tables at a price and of a quality which have made the House of Commons one of the most popular clubs in London.

For many years a good square meal has been obtainable for a shilling. But a shilling will not be committee the contract of the peer's commissional properties of the committee will make many reforms in the direction of "greater comfort and economy."

The channess and excellence of the Commons' dinners have been rendered possible by a Government grant of 22.00 cycls' catering, but out of an expenses fund connected with the Lords a sum of 2.550 is taken annually.

As a private speculation the catering contract has not, it is stated, been a good investment.

"It is almost always impossible for the caterer to tell an hour beforehand whether our debates will ast until or past dinner time or a catery of the catery in a quandary.

"The charter's best friend is the bore. If, for example, Lord — rises just before five—he is always good for an hour-you will see men rise on masse and leave the chamber like a congregation leaving church.

"His rising gives us a good excuse for a cup of tea at the House, and a very excellent tea it.

"GET A 'POP' AT THEM."

Six Months' Hard Labour for Woman Who Concocted Letter from Front.

married woman named Ann Reader, of Welbourne road, Tottenham, who concocted a letter from the front, was sentenced to six

month's hard labour yesterday at Tottenham. She was charged with obtaining by false preences sums amounting to eighteen guineas
from James William Tomlinson, treasurer of
the local branch of the Soldiers and Sailors
Families' Association.

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Mr. Fsirbairn, prosecuting, said that the
woman applied to Mr. Tomlinson for a grant, and
upon the application form she sent in she stated
that her husband was in the South Wales BorInquiries were made, and an allowance of 4s, a
week was granted for a time, and, as the separation allowance was not forthcoming from the War
Office, efforts were made to trace the husband, but
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Office, efforts were made to trace the husband, but without result.

Then the woman ingeniously manipulated the envelope to a letter received by her husband from a man in the Army Service Corps who was at Rouen. She concoted a letter supposed to be written and stigned by her husband.

This concoted letter included the following:—

Dear Liz. don't worry if you don't hear from me for a little while, as we are going up to the me safe. If you don't hear from me for a little while, as we are going up to the me safe. If you don't hear from me soon write to Major Walker. So I, will now close, as we are to get a "pop" at them, so ta-ta for a while. From your loving husband.—W. R. Reader.

Evidence was given by a soldier at No. 1 Base at Rouen that he knew prisoner's husband, who, he said, was not at the front

BERNHARDT "HER OLD SELF."

Paris, Feb. 25.—The condition of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt is constantly improving, and the great tragedienne is again becoming her old self.

self.

She hopes to be able by the month of May to resume work and to give the addresses which she had been asked to deliver, and also to appear again on the theatre stage.

Innumerable offers are being made to her by authors, poets, and writers.—Exchange.

POOR SERVED FIRST WITH COKE.

The demands for coke have grown so enormously that some of the leading London gas companies have had to take the unprecedented tep of refusing to execute further orders for

itep in Ferral in the present.

"The coal supply is limited, and as a consequence other forms of fuel are very much in lemand," the secretary of the Gas Light and Coke Company explained to The Daily Mirror coloraday.

esterday.

"We are endeavouring to supply our regular customers as far as possible, but the demands are out of all proportion to the supply. We supply the poor people first, and they take the coke away from our works themselves.

"If, when this morning rush is over, our supplies are not exhausted, the orders which have come by post are dealt with as far as possible." The price of coke yesterday was 1s. 4d. per twit. At the beginning of the war it was 1s. 2d.

THEIR SOLE LUXURY 'THE DAILY MIRROR.'

Workgirls Give Up Their Only Pleasure to Help Belgians.

FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY.

The moving story of three workgirls who deprived themselves of their one luxury in life— the purchase of *The Daily Mirror*—in order that they might contribute to the relief of the brave Belgians was related to this journal yesterday.

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No one would have known anything about the girls' self-denying action had not two of them fallen out of work, as a result of which they were compelled to stop their contributions to the Belgian Fund.

Even now their names and addresses are unknown, for they sent their contributions to the Mayor of Islington anonymously as "M., E. and E. Three Workgirls of Highbury." M., E. and E. Three Workgirls of Highbury.

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The writer explained that she and her friends were very poor, but their hearts had been wrung with pity and admiration for the "brave Belgians."

In order to give their mite in aid of the suffering refugees they had adopted the expedient of economising on the one little huxry they enjoyed—The Daily Mirror.

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So distressed were the girls at having to deprive themselves of their one pleasure in life that a fellow-workgirl kindly lent them her copy of The Daily Mirror.

Since then the girls have forwarded periodic contributions to the fund, in the words of the writer, "with the same loving sympathy as every golden coin has been sent." On Thesday, he was the mayor received a letter, signed by the same loving sympathy as every golden coin has been sent." On Thesday, he was the mayor received a letter, signed by the same love of the writer, "with the same loving sympathy as they were unable to send their usual contribution.

"M." only was at work; the other two girls had been out of employment since the beginning of the year.

To keep their little home above their heads they had been obliged to move into one room.

Notwithstanding the trials they had endured, nowever, they still hope for brighter days, so the relief of their Belgian brothers and sisters who are even more unfortunate than they.

These happier times are in store for the three unknown workgirls of Highbury if they will send their names and addresses to The Daily Mirror or to the Mayor of Islington.

£1,000 IN A CAMERA.

Amateur Photographer's Chance to Win Largest Sum Ever Given for News Picture.

One thousand pounds, the largest sum ever offered for a news picture in the history of illustrated journalism, is to be paid by The Daily Mirror for the most interesting snapshot of a war incident received and published by the Editor between now and July 31.

£250 will be given for the second most interesting photograph, and £100 for the third. All other photographs used will be well paid for.

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No charge will be made for the development of films, and the senders' names will not be disclosed. The Editor's decision is final. This offer does not apply to photographs received through picture agencies or from professional photographers.

Send all your war snapshots to The Daily Mr. George E. Brown, editor of the British Journal of Photography, yesterday spoke of "the liberal offer" of The Daily Mirror as "one which will undoubtedly be a very great intentive to amateur photography."

"For the past six months amateur photographers have been somewhat shy of using their cameras," he said, "but needlessly so, I think, for the instances where photographers have been interfered with by the authorities are very few in comparison with the many thousands of camera users in this country.

"There is no reason why the veriest beginner in photography should not secure valuable results."

BLUE AND SILVER BOUDOIR.

A hondoir of blue and silver, in which the argent carpet is made of washable leather, represents the latest ideas in room decoration.

One of the new ideas in this delightful room is a corner silver frame which, instead of enclosing a picture, contains a silver vase and a cluster of carnations or other flowers.

Large flat silk brocade floor cushions are a feature of the room, and the cushions, which are not the contained of th

ALL FORTS AT ENTRANCE OF DARDANELLES SUCCESSFULLY REDUCED

Allied Battle Fleet's First Important Step Towards Forcing Straits.

LONG AND SHORT RANGE BOMBARDMENT.

Admiralty Figures Show How Little Sea Pirates Have Accomplished.

"GERMANY IS BEATEN," SAYS FRENCH PREMIER.

Battleships of the Allied squadron yesterday resumed the Dardanelles bombardment and successfully reduced all the forts at the entrance to the Straits.

Thus the first barrier of the Dardanelles—the strait between the Ægean Sea and the Sea of Marmora—has been battered down.

Marmora—has been battered down.
In an interesting statement issued early this morning by the Admiralty it is shown how little the sea pirates have been able to affect British shipping.

During the week ending on Wednesday 1,381 ships (over 300 tons) entered or left ports in the United Kingdom, while the Sea Huns managed to sink just seven British vessels in the same period.

M. Viviani, the French Premier, in a remarkable interview, which we publish to day, declares that Germany already is beaten on the field.

ATTACK BY BATTLESHIPS AT CLOSE RANGE.

Better Weather Enables Allies to Renew Operations at Dardanelles.

The following statement was issued late last night by the Secretary of the Admiralty:—
The weather moderating, the bombardment of the outer forts of the Dardanelles was renewed at 8 am. this morning (February 25).
After a period of long-range fire a squadron of battleships attacked at close range.
All the forts at the entrance to the straits have been successfully reduced. The operations are continuing.

BOMBARDMENT LASTS ALL DAY.

ATHENS, Feb. 25.—The Allies' fleet resumed the attack on the Straits yesterday, and the bombardment continued all day. It was resumed to-day, the forts replying. Last evening a part of the French quitted the Dardanelles and shaped a course towards Vourla.—Exchange Special.

JOHN BULL'S SHIPPING STILL "AS USUAL."

Pirates Get Seven Victims While 1,381 Ships Enter or Leave Port in a Week.

The Secretary of the Admiralty authorises the publication of the following figures:—
Arrivals and sailings of overseas steamers (over 300 tons) of all nationalities at United

ingdom ports:-	
Arriva	ls. Sailings
Dec. 31 to Jan. 6 605	575
Jan. 7 to 13 632	.723
Jan. 14 to 20 821	763
Jan. 21 to 27 823	680
Jan. 28 to Feb. 3 677	743
Feb. 4 to 10	664
Feb. 11 to 17 752	686
Feb. 18 to 24	673

. British vessels sunk by German submarines since February 18:—

Date.	Ship.	Tons.	Position,
Feb. 20	Cambank	3,112	Off Anglesey
Feb. 20	Downshire	337	Off Calf of Man
Feb. 23	Branksome	2.026	Off Hastings
	Chine		
Feb. 24	Oakley	1.976	Off Beachy Head
Feb. 24	Rio Parana	4.015	Off Beachy Head
Feb. 24	Western	1.165	Off Beachy Head
	Coast		

Note.—S.S. Deptford, sunk off Scarborough on February 24, probably struck a mine.

SIR E. GREY'S CONFERENCE

President Wilson's proposals, at present secret, regarding the British embargo on food-stuffs for Germany were the subject yesterday evening of a discussion between the American Ambassador and Sir Edward Grey at the Foreign

They were afterwards submitted to the Prime

A Cabinet Council has been summoned for today to discuss the American Note in its relation
to the reprisals in course of formulation by the
Government in reply to the German blockade.
New York, Feb. 25.—Writing on the subject
of America's latest proposals to Great Britain
and Germany, which seek to induce Germany
to annul her proclamation of the new war zone
and to secure the adoption by all the belligerents of a definite policy regarding shipments of foodstuffs to the civilian populations
dent of the Associated Press speciments says
that no replies are expected to the proposals for
several days.

Such preliminary observations as American
diplomatists abroad have already forwarded tend
to give some encouragement with regard to the
reception of the proposals in London.

It is understood that Germany is inclined to
upon the attitude of Great Britain.

GRAME SITUATION.
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Officials here do not deny the gravity of the whole situation and have made it clear to Great Britain and Germany in the latest communications forwarded to Mr. Page and Mr. Gerard on Sunday after a conference between President Wilson, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Lansing, Councillor of the State Department requested that the proposals should be considered confidential for the present, as it does not desire that the belligerents should be embarrassed in their discussion of the American proposals by public reference to thermatter.

There is, however, no concealment of the feeling in high official quarters that if American lives are lost through the activities of the belligerents, the Washington Government may find itself called upon to depart from its present friendly attitude towards all the warring Powers.—Reuter.

HOW GERMANY RAN HER HEAD AGAINST A ROCK.

M. Viviani on France's Policy to Wage War Against Huns "Without Mercy.

"The Germanic torrent is checked.

"Germany is beaten on the field, an implacable blockade is drawing ever more tightly about here, and, despite all the precautions taken by her to conceal the truth, I can assure you that her financial and economic rout is complete."
Thus spoke M. Rene Viviani, the French Premier, to the United Press correspondent at the first interview granted by the Premier to any French or foreign correspondent.

The interview took place at the Premier's private office at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, where he works from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. M. Viviani said:

"France and Russia adhered to all pacific at

"France and Russia adhered to all pacific at tempts at the end of July, but Germany declared

tempts at the end of July, our termina,

"I She had been mobilising for ten days, but how
sadly she miscalculated the situation she now
inly realises.

"Speaking for my own country. I can say that
Germany expected discord and dissension.

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"Every son of France took up arms, rich and
poor alike, Socialist, Conservative, Freethinker
and Catholic, without distinction of creed.

200,000 DEAD ON YSER.

"To-day France's policy continues to be what in name the Government said it was on December 22—viz., to wage war without mercy. "We are unanimously determined not to accept anything but a victorious peace, and all the Allies are united on this matter. The paet of September 4 has France's signature." Our armies are intact. They have checked the

German torrents.
"Germany failed to gain her first objective—

Paris.
"Then she tried to win Dunkirk and Calais, but merely left 200,000 corpses on the Yser without

even crossing that river. The same thing happened at Nancy and Verdun."

M. Viviani stated that the economic and financial situation in France is normal, in spite of the enormous expenses entailed by the war. "We lack nothing," he added. "The Allies are going to fight the war out to the bitter end. Let there be no doubt about that.

"For the sake of our children we wish to put an end to the peril of war engendered by a military caste which in Germany has carried all classes with it."

SIXTY BOMBS THROWN IN FRENCH AIR RAID.

Enemy Battery Silenced and Column on March Smashed by Heavy Fire.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The following official com-nuniqué was issued this afternoon:— Near Lombaertzyde our artillery demolished a lockhouse and some of the enemy's observa-

Near Lombiertygic our hand the project of the enemy's observation posts.

In Champagne we maintained the fresh progress we made yesterday, and all the enemy's counter attacks were repulsed.

Our aviators threw sixty bombs on the enemy's stations, trains and concentrations. It was possible to follow the results of this bombardment, which was extremely effective. In the Argonne, at Marie Thereas, the enemy attempted to make one attack, which was im.

Eetween the Argonne and the Meuse, at the wood of Cheppy, we made fresh progress.

Our heavy artillery destroyed some armoured shelters, and the enemy was unable to retake the trenches captured by us.

In Lorraine, near Parroy, there was an engagement between patrols, and the Germans were put to flight.—Reuter.

Paris, Feb. 25.—This evening's official com-nuniqué says:— In the region of Lombaertzyde our artillery ilenced and seriously damaged an enemy bat-

ery.

In the district of Souain and Beausejour the perations continued under conditions fayourable to us.

able to us.

We carried in particular a German work to the north of Mesnil, decimated and dispersed by our fire a column on the march to the southeast of Tahure, silenced the fire of an enemy battery and blew up several limbers.

In the Argonne, at the Meurissons stream near the Four de Paris, we destroyed a blockhouse. At Marie Therese a German attack attempted to debouch, but was promptly stopped by our fire.—Reuter.

BATTLE OF THE RIVER.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—The following dispatch was received from headquarters to-night:—
In the Niemen sector, from Kovna to Olyta, our advanced guards on the left bank progressed a long distance from the river.
In the region Sventsiansk-Goja the left, bank is occupied by the Germans, who succeeded in throwing across a small detachment of infantry to the right bank near Sventsiansk. A battle has begun in this district.

nas begun in this district.

On the left bank of the Niemen to the north of Grodna and the Upper Bobr, in the district of Stabine, fighting continues.

Round Ossowiecs the artillery of the fortress is successfully engaging the German batteries.

On the right bank of the Narew there have been actions along the whole from: The enemy here is concentrating the Present Control of the Control of the

of Novogrodak and Prasnyss.

The Germans defended a farm near, the village of Krasnoseltz with quite extraordinary tenacity, but we captured it after desperate fighting at six in the evening of the 24th.

Only 150 of the garrison of this German point d'appni survived, and they surrendered.—Reuter.



In the reading-room of the club which has been opened in London by Dr. Herring for soldiers home on leave from the front.

INQUIRY INTO DEAR COAL PRICES.

Government Committee to Consider Causes of Increase That Burdens the Poor.

SIR E. GREY AND RUSSIA.

There is to be a Government inquiry into the rise in coal prices with special reference to the

rise in coal prices with special reference to the burden cast on poor consumers.

Last night it was officially announced that the following committee had been appointed to carry out the inquiry:—

Mr. Vauphan Nash, C.B., tchairman).

Professor W. J. Ashley.

Mr. W. Crooks, M.P.

Mr. A. W. Flux and

Mr. Stanley Machin.

Mr. H. E. Dele will not as secretary to the come.

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Mr. Stanley Machin
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Mr. H. E. Dale will act as secretary to the committee, and all communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Retail Coal Prices
Committee, 64, Dean's yard, Westminster, S.W.
In the House of Commons yesterday Mr.
Charles Duncan asked the Frime Minister whether seeing that the risk property of the consider the advisability of increasing the wages of all Government workenen to the same extent, so that their real wages might have the same purchasing power as they had last July.
Mr. Asquith said he could not accept the figures given in the question. The wages of Government workers were receiving the attention of the Government, who were taking the advise of the Arbitration Committee.
Mr. Duncan: The figures are based on the Premier's statement.
Mr. Asquith: I think not.

RUSSIA'S AMBITIONS.

Sir E. Grey, in reply to Mr. Jowett, said he had not seen nor had he been able to trace a speech by M. Sazanoff in the Duma to the effect that Russians intended permanently to becupy

hat Russians inhenced permanents.

What he had seen was that M. Sazanoff had said that the events of the Russo-Turkish frontier would bring Russia nearer to the realisation of the politico-economic problems bound up with Russian access to the sea.

With these aspirations they were in entire symmetry.

With these aspirations they were in entire sympathy.

Mr. Jowett asked the Prime Minister to state if the opinion recently expressed by the First Lord of the Admiralty to a Matin interviewer, to the effect that should France and Russia withdraw from participation in the Buropean war Great Brilain would fight to the bitter end, was close the state of the

opinion.

Mr. Tennant informed Sir William Bull that
the last edition of the handbook of the German
Army showed a total of 9,989,000 men.

CHILD LABOUR PROBLEM.

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Mr. Keir Hardie, who seemed to speak with considerable difficulty after his recent illness, objected to the employment of children of school age for agricultural labour.

The education system of the country had taken fifty years to build up, he said, and the position of the child was being put back half a century.

He declared that the real cause of the shortage of farm-labour was the miserable wages paid in agricultural districts in England, and he urged that the remedy was better wages and the provision of suitable cottages.

MEXT WEEVER BIEINESS

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4 Mr. Asquith announced next week's business as follows:

Monday: Vote of Credit.

Tuesday: Second readings of the Universities Business and Larmy Annual Bill and Defence of the Realm Bill.

Bill, Army Annual Bill and Detence of the Realm Bill.

Wednesday: Discussion on allens and the first stage of the Vote of Credit-Thursday: The second reading of the Con-solidated Fund Bill and Committee stage of Army Annual Bill.

SHOTS IN NEST OF SUSPECTS.

Catourts, Feb. 24 (delayed in transmission).—
A man named Nirodepersad Haldar stumbled into a nest of political suspects in a house in Pathuriaghta-street, Calcutta, this morning.
He was recognised by one of them, and was promptly shot. Half a dozen youths field from the house immediately, and are still ad large. It is suggested that Haldar extra corner, hence the outrage.—Central News.

DACIA NEARING ENGLAND.

New York, Feb. 25.—The Dacia is reported by, wireless 400 miles west of Land's End.—Exchange. [The Dacia is owned by a German-American and has a cargo of cotton consigned to a neutral port.]

"QUO VADIS?"—A SCENE IN A SERBIAN RETREAT.



A scene in the war in gallant-little Serbia. A woman watching some retreating Serbian soldiers falling back across a bridge before the Austrian armies. Note the cattle under the bridge. They have been placed there to escape the notice of those in authority.

DRIVING A RED CROSS CAR AT THE FRONT.



Miss Gladys Nelson, daughter of Sir William and Lady Nelson, is now driving a motor-ambulance at the front. She has two brothers who are serving in the Army and four sisters who are married to Army officers.

A CLEVER RIDER.



Sergeant Milner, a motor dispatch-rider, steers his machine while standing on the saddle.

HON. EDITH WINN,



The only daughter of Lord and Lady t. Oswald. who is engaged to M. Henry Ashley, Coldstream Guards.

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GARDENING.
SEEDS.—Free trial packets, with bargain Lista Seed
Potatoes, Roses, Bulbs, Plants, Fruit Trees; cash or
easy terms.—A. Lighton, 57, Kirton. Baston.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1915.

THE PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP.

A THING we always feel inclined to ask officers back on leave is: " Do our men get on well with the French?"-this friendship with France being one of the compensations for the hatred now daily accumu-

lating in Europe.

Some people have sufficient detachment to deny the fact of this hatred, or at least repulsion. "We don't hate the Germans." Perhaps not; but the thought of their heavily war-drunken rulers plunging Europe into misery, with the approval of a fatuously docile or deliberately brutalised people, is not one with which it is very easy to make terms. We do not feel inclined to meet this sputtering-guttural figure of Heine's loathing in its uniformed *über alles* mood, ever again. Its pedantic savagery has impressed the imagination of Europe in such a manner as to make it difficult to see how, in after years, we shall, on neutral ground, endure its sputterings—how here in England we shall, with equanimity, again support the war-booby en civil, returning to resume his business dealings with us. The best thing, as to this, is not to think of a future apparently so remote. The best thing, on all sides, is to stick to what friendships we have,

That is why we want to know how our men get on with the French.

Those of them we have talked to about the French people seem, we are glad to say, to like them very much. But there is, we've often said, the language difficulty. The migratory German so often speaks our language!—and our failure in languages, our inability in England o realise that any language but English is of the slightest importance, makes it difficult for relations to be other than dumb between the French and ourselves. The British Tommy likes a man who understands him. A new tongue man who understands him. A new tongue he is apt to regard as a conspiracy against him, or at best, a kind of joke. "If peoplemean 'coffee,' "he demands, "why can't they say 'coffee,' instead of 'café'?" And another remarked: "Why do they call-the Germans Allymans?" To go back to the Deluge or the Tower of Babel for an explanation would be a waste of time. You simply have to resign yourself to the fact that in France, when they don't say Boches. that in France, when they don't say Boches, they say Allymans.

This prejudice renounced—we mean, the dissatisfaction with people for not saying what they want to say in English—it is easy for our men to like those with whom daily and hourly they find themselves on common ground. It is even easy for them to like their foe, the common soldier taken prisoner their foe, the common soldier taken prisoner perhaps, especially if, as often happens, he speaks English. If it only rested with the common people indeed to make and unmake wars! It rested, this time, with the splut-tering be-starred figures in Berlin. Nobody in all our "civilisation" can suggest any conceivable means of unstarring the war drunken splutterer and bringing the peoples drunken splutterer and bringing the peoples into touch; and now, in Germany, if the Vorwaerts or any other paper so much as suggests such an ultimate solution, patriotism, "the last refuge of a scoundrel," is the word used to bring him to his senses. Thus the peoples remain apart and Prince Uber Alles splutters his war-commands to the cannon-fodder.

It is for the meanest of our men, then, one's and two's and three's of them, to see that none of them leaves France without leaving goodwill and friendliness amongst the French behind him; so that, in the flue French benind nim; so that, in the future, no muddling diplomatist, no driveller in stars, may get his fat form between our men and the men now risking life beside

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

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Whether ye be men or women, you will never do anything in the world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind-next to honour. James L. Alten.

YOUR correspondent, Mrs. Ellis Robinson, airs her opinions on "matrimony" at a considerable length, and with a confident adomains which is amusing. She calmly states "man was formed mainly to continue the human race—"Suffering from the greatest evil which afflicts

LOOKING THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

NO FULL SKIRT!

I CANNOT understand any woman condemning

the full skirt.

It seems to me a blessing to be able to walk naturally again. What sights we have seen, the last two or three years, in tight skirts—women tripping along, not walking!

As for economy—well ask any married man it his wife's dreasmaker's or tailor's bills got any smaller as the skirts got tighter!

Y. B.

mankind—ignorance—she appears oblivious of many well-known facts; some of the noblest specimens of the human race passed through life in a state of "single blessedness"—among men, the Buddha. 8t. Paul, Origet; among many others.

"In Heaven there is neither marriage nor giving in marriage." (Prince) Joseph Camllide.

(Prince) JOSEPH CAMILLUS.
Hadleigh Castle, Hadleigh, Essex.

"A GOOD STORY."

The Need for a New Sort of Fiction During the Great War.

"SOMETHING TO READ."

I ALSO have been very much struck of late by the manner in which a good story finds popularity at the moment. I send all the books and papers I can get together to my friends in train-

Nor AEOUT THE WAR.

I HAVE just read the letter in to-day's Doily Mirror from the war.

I HAVE just read the letter in to-day's Doily Mirror from the search and search and the look forward eagerly to your serial to make us forget for a few minutes our anxiety for relatives and friends in Army and Navy; and if your serial were full of war the daily perusal of it would be no relax at itnes wellingh unbearable.

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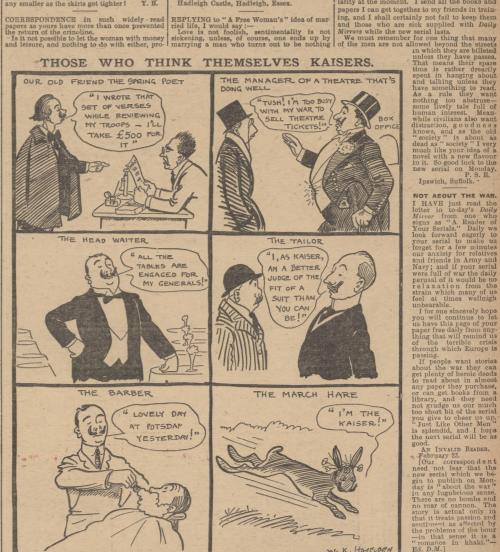
Our correspondent need not fear that the new serial which we begin to publish on Monday is "about the war" in any lugubrious sense. There are no bombs and no roar of cannon. The strip is a series of the carry in any lugubrious sense.

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Ed. D.M.]

Fig. 25.—A preity dwarf evergreen, well worth cultivating, is Erica Carnea (the Alpine forest heath). The flower-buds of this open during February and March.

These evergreens should be planted in masses in beds or on the rockery, or they may be grown at the margin of some bed with shoddendrous or assless in it. Ordinary soil will suit it very with the control of the control of



claim the fact by wearing the full skirt and frills and furbelows in the street; while we, the great majority who like to be clean, neat and trim, continue on our way rejoicing in our neat coat and skirt of seanty width?

Those of us who are not in our first youth well remember the walks made hideous by their discomfort in the pass manufacture, you'de of the material of which our skirts were made, in order to keep them out of the dust or mud as the case might be. They will also remember the "tailor-made woman" of those days; a neat, trim-clad figure. She wore a coat and skirt and held her own, in spite of being considered by some to look "rather masculine." She was universally admired by men who called her "sensible" and "well groomed."

FOOLISH SENTIMENT?

HELP IN TROUBLE

**SURPRISING OUICKNESS.*

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God wills that we have sorrows here,
And we will share it;
Whisper thy sorrow in my ear,
That I may also bear it.
If anywhere our trouble seems
To find an end,
This in the fairy land of dreams,
Or with a friend.

-TENNYSON.

THESE BATTERIES? COULD YOU HAVE SEEN



This photograph was taken by a French airman who was scouting over the enemy's lines at the very moment when he discovered the location of the German batteries. To the ordinary eye, judging from this photograph, it seems an impossibility to have discovered batteries from such a height. The very fields look like postage stamps. But there can be no doubt that the French airman was successful in his observations.

JOCKEY WEDS.



Mr. Fred Templeman, the well-known jockey, and Miss Beatrice Bathurst, who were married in London yesterday, The bride and bridegroom are seen leaving the church. Mr. Templeman is one of the most popular horsemen,

BELGIUM'S PROUDEST BOY,



This Belgian boy refugee has been made a mascot at one of our training camps. He is proud of his uniform and has been thoroughly taught the British drill. Here he is seen being taught to present arms to his Majesty, should be ever have the honour to stand before him. His home is in Flanders.



BRAVE BOY HERO.

Harry Winter, an errand boy just out of hospital, who saved Anne Freeman from drown-ing by jumping after her into the river at Mortlake. While winter performed his heroic act a man stood watching, but did not offer to help;

A BOUQUET GOWN



Gown with bouquet under crinoline



A sort of Turkish design.

These weird and wonderful new revue modes are seen in "Venus Limited" at the Palladium. Designs by Jules Poiret, London.

TINY RIDER.



Maxime Farrall, aged five years, is the mascot of the 2nd Battalion of the Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

HEROIC NURSE DIES.



Nurse Ellen Daly, of Southend, whose clothes caught fire while she was cooking food for her patients. Though badly burned she returned to her post until relieved four hours later. She then collapsed and died.

HORSE AS OBSTACLE IN RACE.



An incident at Sandown Park yesterday. Two runners are seen jumping over a fallen horse, which is lying on its jockey.

DAVID BEATTY ON DUTY



Lady Beatty, wife of Admiral Sir David Beatty, has had her beautiful yacht, Sheelah, turned into a hospital ship. Her son David is on board, and has had a sentry-box built for him and goes on duty in uniform. It will be noticed that he has H.M.S. Lion, his famous father's flagship, on his cap.

A NOVELIST WHO CAN SHOOT.



Miss Ruby M. Ayres, the authoress of "Richard Chatterton, V.C.," the new Daily Mirror serial, which begins next Monday; scoring a bull. She thinks everyone ought to learn shooting.

DOGS' SNOW OVERCOATS.



Two greyhounds in their warm winter overcoats sheltering from a snowstorm. One looks like the wolf in Red Riding Hood's story.

BROUGHT DOWN BY RUSSIAN GUNS.



Under the fire of Russian anti-aircraft guns, this German biplane finally came to earth on the bripk of a stone quarry in Russian Poland. The pilot was taken prisoner.

NORTH SEA VICTOR

HOW THE FLEET SUPPLIES BRITISH BREAKFAST, TEA AND SUPPER TABLES WITH THE CHOICEST DELICACIES.

supper-table, the research brought home to us. For along the trade routes of the world our tea and coffee, our cheese and sardines and other meal-time delicacies are brought to us just as they are brought in peace time—owing to the supremacy of the British Navy.

A most striking example of our supremacy is that afforded by Topmast Norwegian Sardines.

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Across the North Sea, in the beautiful winding Norwegian Fiords, the fishing boats pursue their usual calling, and across the so-called German Ocean vessels convey to these shores from Norway that most prized of all table delicacles, Spring's Topmast Norwegian Sardines.

In war time one naturally expects

The children look forward to having Topmast Norwegian Sardines at all times. The fine clive coil in which they are preserved is good for their health. Topmast Norwegian Sardines make a satisfactory meal at any hour without any preparatory trouble.

high food prices. Yet, in spite of the menace of the German Fleet, the continual supply of Topmast Sardines to this country is safeguarded by the British Navy.

Consequently, instead of paying high prices for Sardines, we are now able to obtain for sixpence only a tim of these delicious fish—each 6d. tin containing an average of twenty sardines preserved in the very best Olive Oil or delicious Tomato Sauce.

preserved in the very best Olive Oil or delicious Tomato Sauce.
Think of this. The nourishing oil is extracted from the finest Olives in Spain; it is then conveyed to Norway, where fishing boats "harvest" the sardines in the Norwegian fords.

The greatest victory in the war is the silent victory won by the Fleet.

Every morning when we sit down to breakfast, every night when we gather round the supper-table, the result of this victory is now brought home to us.

For along the trade routes of the world our suppersisting the result of the suppersisting fish. All this we owe to our Fleet and to the courage and enterprise of the oldestablished British firm,

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Ask your grocer this morning for a tin of Spring's Topmast Norwegian Sardines (packed in the finest olive oil or delicious Tomato Sauce), and be sure you get Topmast. Try them for breakfast to-morrow morning or

morrow morning or for supper tonight. You will be delighted with the flavour, and so will the rest of your family. We have all, unfortunately, to be especially expensed at the less of the flavour, and so the flavour, and the less of the most economical meal time delicacies that you can possibly obtain, for it combines these three essentials:—

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(1) Economy, for a single sixpence rings you on an average 20 sardines. brings you on an average 20 sardines.

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MONEY RETURNED.

To show how supreme is the quality of Topmast Norwegian Sardines the proprie-tors make an unprecedented offer to you to-day. If these sardines do not come up hink of this. The nourishing oil is excited from the finest olives in Spain; it is conveyed to Norway, where fishing boats arest." the sardines in the Norwegian arest." the sardines in the Norwegian are to sard the sardines are preserved, a Norway the sardines are preserved, and, packed and matured, and, finally, in

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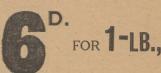
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THE BLOW.

IF Lionel had waited only a few hours longer he might have obtained the interview sought so impatiently, for that very afternoon-the very day on which Jean Delaval had promised to give him her answer-Ashley Creswick returned home to Kensington with Fay.

A brief telegram had been received by Parkes earlier in the day—indeed, as he remarked, Mr. Lionel must have passed the boy who brought it-instructing him to see that the chauffeur was punctually at Waterloo Station with the car. As the dusk was falling it returned, drawing up silently at the front door, spick and span with its brilliant enamel and loaded with its wealth of furs and rugs

The footman who hurried down the steps to offer his assistance and the chauffeur who de scended from his seat to open the door of the car glanced anxiously at their mistress. Mr.

car glanced anxiously at their mistress. Mr. Creswick in telegraphing had vouchsafed no news of her son, and, like all the household, they were devoted to the boy.

At the first sight of her they breathed with relief. It was all well with Master Eric, they thought; the sanxiety had been unnecessary. For Mrs. Hers anxiety had been old friends. As a matter of fact they had never seen such a pleasant smile on her face; she had always treated them so anusphtily, and kept them at such a distance.

She was talking, too, though more to herself apparently than to them or to her husband, and they could not quite catch what she said; yet they were quite sure they had never seen her so happy.

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But a single glance at Mr. Creswick made them exchange significant looks. The pallor of his face and the anguished lines on his brow shocked them profoundly. And then, being quick-witted as London servants are, they guessed the truth.

As soon as Ashley, holding Fay tightly by the arm, had turned to mount the steps, Walters, the chauffeur, tapped his forehead impressively with his finger, and the footman nodded gloomily.

The Cross Currents of a Girl's Love. By ALEXANDER CRAWFORD

"You mustn't give way, sir," he said, at last.
"It's just the awful shock. She'll get over it, sir; never fear. P'raps even it's a blessing in digmise."

sir; never fear. P'raps even it's a blessing in disguise."
But Ashley made no response to the well-meant sympathy. "Remember," he said, almost fiercely, "the other servants must not know of this," sir," said Parkes. In spite of a "Certainly, sir," said Parkes. In spite of a kind of forced cherrfulness, he spoke dubiously. He was only too well aware that the output of the said of the said

AN UNLOOKED-FOR VISITOR.

WHATEVER comfort Parkes might have felt limited only by the boundaries of his deference as a servant-was not shared or imitated by the doctor when he came. "It would be wrong of me to raise false hopes," he said. "Of course, there may be a chance of recovery—I would prefer another opinion. We will do all we

Ashley could only murmur something about sparing no expense. To those who knew him only in a business capacity such an exhortation might have sounded grimly humorous, but he meant it. Avaricious though he was, all his life and all his happiness were bound up in the little unworthy woman who sat there with her vacant songs and laughter. He meant it literally when he said "Spare no expense"—it was no empty phrase; for what is a man profited if he gain the whole world!

In the days of darkness that followed Parkes, the butler, took a great deal of trouble off the shoulders of his master, intercepting smallest needs.

It was well for Ashley Creswick that it was in his power to command such devotion, for but for the butler's tact and discretion he would have been confronted with a discovery which would have made shipwreck of him entirely. Paul Schroder called at the house

It was about noon of the very next day after their tragic return from Westover. Mr. Creswick so far had not appeared downstairs.



"Your child?" What do you mean? How can he be your child?"
The other made no reply, but rocked himself to and fro. Parkes stared at him in silence for a moment, the bewildement on his face gradually changing into horror. "What's your name, then?" he asked.

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"Schroder?"
"Schroder! Impossible. You can't mean you're Mrs. Creswick's first husband?"
"Yes." The reply came almost inarticulately. Parkes cleared his throat ominuely. "Does my one else know this?" he asked after a pause.

"Then pull yourself together, Mr. Schroder," continued the butler, "and listen to me. Keep it to yourself."

The man looked up with hopeless misery in his eyes.

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"Keep it to yourself," repeated Parkes sternly. "The boy is deadt and Mrs. Creswick is a hopeless lunatic. There's no good to be got by breaking master down any further. He worships the ground she waks on and he nurses her like any woman. You hear what I say, Mr. Schroder. Keep it to yourself."

And Parkes, too, kept it to himself.

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And Parkes, too, kept it to himself.

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Totally unconscious of the blow of fate which had fallen on the house at Kensington, Lionel Craven hurried down to Folkestone to get the answer Jean had promised thim.

He was more excited at the his shoughts than anxious about the decision she was to give him. He had made no attempt to prove the correctness of the staggering information he had learned from the lips of old Robert Delaval. It fitted in so accurately to the gaps in the puzzle of his brother's scheming that he knew in tuitively it was correct.

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Tonel watched her face keenly as he laid his hat and gloves on a chair. There was a look of acute suffering on her face which, while it made him long to take her in his arms and comforther, prevented him from doing 50.

"No more bad news, I hope?" he said gravely. She shook her head and gulped down a reply which seemed to choke her.

"No," she said brokenly.

"Then, what is it, little girl?" he asked, tender the structure of the same of the sa

There will be another long instalment to-morrow.

CHILDREN HATE CASTOR OIL AND PILLS.

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Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil or pills. How you hated them! How you fought against taking them!

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If your childr's stomach, live "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "Fruit laxative" handy; they know that children love to take it; and that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach. A teaspoonful given to-day saves a child from a bilious attack to-morrow.

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those whose hair has been neglected or is scraggy, faded, dry, brittle or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff, cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, for ever stopping itching and falling hair; but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair, growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair, and lots of it, surely get a 1s. 14d. bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any chemist and just try it. those whose hair has been neg-



THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP

A tuncheon Party.

At the luncheon-party given by an anonymous donor at the offices of the Queen-Alexandra Field Force Fund, Hill-street, Knightsbridge, I had the privilegie of meeting some of the most charming and beautiful women of the social world who are now devoting almost all their time to the care and comfort of our soldiers at the front. Prominent among these was Lady French, wife of Field-Marshal Sir John French, who was dressed in black with a pretty dark red toque. She chatted with me for some time about the soldiers and the best means of keeping them happy.

Lady French's Message.

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Lady French is the kind of quiet, friendly, sympathetic woman who should make an instant appeal to Tommy Atkins. She has a most beautiful smile, and is brimming over with hope and confidence. "My husband tells me that the men at the front are all in the best of spirits," she told me. I asked her what she thought was the favourite comfort of our soldiers in the trenches. "I think they like a pipe better than anything else," she said, with a smile. "We can never have too many pipes to send out to them." have too many pipes to send out to them.

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The Countess of Bective presided over the luncheon-party, with Lord Islington and the Earl of Howe on either side of her. Dressed in black, with her silvery hair peeping out in rich clusters from her bonnet, she made a stately, sweet-looking picture when she rose to propose the toast of "The King." Later, when she gave permission to smoke, I noticed that several of the women present, including Lady Horner, lit up dainty cigarettes.

Packing Parcels.

After luncheon the company adjourned to the packing-rooms, where, since November last, large numbers of ladies have worked from five to six hours a day packing up parcels for our soldiers at the front. Among the fashionable packers, for instance, who for weeks past have devoted most part of the day to this arduous, monotonous task; are the Dowager Countess of Ellesmere (who has specialised in packing up tooth-brushes), Lady Ethel Baird, Lady Adelaide Taylour, the Hon. Alice Douglas-Pennant, Lady Cicely E. Hardy and the Hon. Eleanor Money Coutts.

The Patent Lighter.

There was a pretty incident at this time, when the packing-rooms were thronged with visitors and workers. The Duchess of Port-

when the packing-rooms were throughout visitors and workers. The Duchess of Portland, who was wearing a large white hat trimmed with big white feathers, noticed some of the packers trying to ignite one of the new patent cigarette "lighters." "Let me show you how to do it," she said. The Duchess then took the "lighter" and, with deft fingers, soon had the tinder burning and glowing.



One of the guides who escorted me round the rooms was Lady Henry Bentinck, the daughter of the Countess of Bective She explained to me how

Lady Henry Bentinck. hard everybody was working and the great care and attention everybody showed in packing the parcels securely for their journey to France. Lady Henry Bentinck, who is one of the most beautiful, as well as one of the richest, women in society, has a style of dressing all her own.

Magic Glasses

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All our khaki men are buying binoculars, so here is the latest binocular story. Brigadier-General to shopman: "I want to get the most powerful pair of binoculars you have." Optician: "Here you are, sir. Made in Germany. With these glasses you can even see all the German victories reported from Berlin"

What with subterranean fighting and sub-marine fighting, it would really seem that war is hiding its head. Perhaps it's ashamed of



There is to be no second edition of "Business As Usual" this month at the London Hippodrome. Business is so un-usual just now, in the

Miss Ida Crispi. best sense of the term, that such a proceeding would be ridiculous. But all the novelties Mr. De Courville brought back with him from America will be seen in due course.

In these days, when there are men like Sergeant Michael O'Leary doing great and daring deeds of heroism in a sort of slap-dash-bless-your-heart-it's-nothing-to-speak-about sort of spirit, a play like "The Three Musketeers" is just in the spirit of the times. It's full of fun and careless heroism.

Much Cheering.

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I enjoyed the revival at the Lyceum on Wednesday night immensely, and so did the audience, to judge from the way they cheered the romantic D'Artagnan of Mr. Harcourt Williams and the wickedly beautiful Miladi of Miss Ethel Warwick. The whole highly-coloured, merry and exciting affair is going to be another Melville success.

After a spell of romantic roistering at the Lyccum I changed the atmosphere by transplanting myself to the 150th performance of the Anglo-French revue, "Odds and Ends," at the little Ambassadors. I have never seen such a big audience in this little theatre before, and it was representative of all that is left to London of "rank and fashion."

Some Laughter.

Between the audiences at the Ambassadors and the Lyceum there is much of the difference that exists between the populations of Mayfair and the suburbs, but they have one thing in common. They laugh with a perfectly delightful lack of restraint. It is long since I have heard such laughter as greets the Special Constable scene at the Ambassadors. It is a tonic in itself.

Playfair Crosses the Road.

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Between the scenes of "Odds and Ends" I had a little chat with Arthur Playfair—whose part, when he goes over again to the Palace, will be taken up by its originator, Mr. J. M. Campbell. Playfair tells me that a lot of old friends will reappear in "The Passing, Show of 1915," including Guilbert the Filbert.

New Tunes and Dresses.

Of course, the mounting and dresses of "The Passing Show of 1915" will be all new, and very gorgeous. Also Herman Finck has, according to Playfair, composed some exceptionally delightful music. As for Elsie Janis, she will start just where she left off, right on the affections of the public.

I see that extraordinary writer, Mr. H. G. Wells, has been prophesying that one result of the war will be the extinction of the silk hat. I don't believe him. Mr. Wells himself is just the sort of man whom a silk hat does not suit, but there are plenty of men who look better in the "topper" than in any other form of beddere. other form of headgear.

Styliata Without Style.

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Novelists, of course, as a rule, dress in execrable taste. Men with a polished style in prose are often utter slovens in their dress. Mr. Wells looks best in country tweeds and soft hats, and so do Mr. George Moore and Mr. Arnold Bennett. One of the few well-dressed authors is Mr. A. E. W. Mason. Now, he does look well in a silk hat.

I have not the slightest doubt that the Frenchwoman who loves England best is Mme. Rejane who, I see, is playing in London next week. I know Mme. Rejane well, and to hear her talk about England and English is enough to make one blush with pride. Of course, she has been a regular visitor to this country for more than thirty years, and was telling me some time back how she could remember London as quite a dowly and comparatively backward city. But there is one thing she has always loved in London, and that is the oysters one can buy here, and on oysters she simply dotes.

A Snub for the Shirker.

Yesterday I received an invitation to a fancy dress dance, and printed on the card in large letters was: "His Majesty's uniform only for Man."

I suppose we are all doing something for the war sufferers. I know one young woman who thinks she is a great patriot because she sits up all night playing charity bridge.

The German physicians say that what the ailing General von Moltke wants is a period of complete mental rest. I always thought that the Kaiser's telegrams were doing terrible execution in the ranks of the enemy.

The year 1915, so far as the fashions of women are concerned, is going to be a year of revivals. The beautiful full skirt, and

even the pretty flounces that grandmama used to wear when she was young have come back again to charm us, as you will see when you open The Daily Mirror Dress Number next Dress Number next Monday. I advise you to put in your order for the paper now, as the demand looks like exceeding the supply.

Toilet Marvels

At a dinner-party the other evening a friend, looking at the

friend, looking at the women present, whispered to me:
"Why is it women need so many more clothes than men, when they wear so much less?" That was a joke, but it is certain that the quality and variety of women's dress have never been more beautiful than to-day. The Daily Mirror on Monday reveals all the latest marvels and mysteries of women's toilet.

There was great excitement at the London sporting clubs on Wednesday night to hear the result of the Bombardier Wells and Bandsman Rice boxing match at Belfast. Had Rice won, the match between Wells and Frank Moran at the London Opera House on March 90 would have follow the control of the state of the s March 29 would have fallen through.

Wellis's Victory. When the news of Wells's victory came through cheers were raised and the American contingent began at once to offer big money for Moran, the Pittsburg dentist. It's going to be a thrilling affair and the contest of his life for Wellis.

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I have received numerous letters from correspondents saying how glad they are that Miss Ruby M. Ayres is writing the new serial for us. As I have said, it is a new type of story for wartime. Some readers seem to think that this means the usual war story. It most assuredly does not. I pledge my word that there is no mention of a beautiful female spy, with the lure of a siren in it. with the lure of a siren, in it.

A Human Story.

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It is just a very human story, and the hero, Richard Chatterton, V.C., is a very ordinary human being. His foibles are the foibles which many of us share—though we do not always realise it. This was his trouble. But when he was made to see himself more clearly, he was not found lacking. Personally, I think Miss Ayres's story will make a very wide appeal—a more human and far-reaching appeal than any-serial has had for many years.

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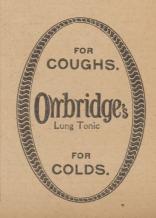




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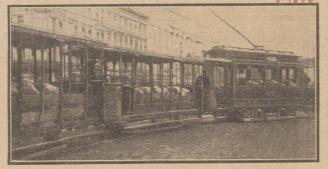
Pages and pages of pictures—all the ne yles, the full skirts, the short coats—everythin tat is new in dress, you will see pictured i ext Monday's Daily Mirror. Order your cop

Torpedoed from the Bench.

"Because a man marries a woman that doe recommend that he has to return home early every night," said Mr. Fordham at West Londor Police Court yesterday to a woman who com plained that her husband stayed out all night.

The man who gave himself up as the mur-leter of the woman Alice Jarman, who was ound dead in a ditch in Hyde Park, has been blerated, police inquiries having shown that le had no connection whatever with the crime.

A NEW USE FOR TRAMWAY CARS.



DAWN ATTACK IN AFRICA.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 25:-It is officially announced that on the night of the 22nd the northern force noved out for the purpose of attacking Nonidas and Goanikas (German South-West Africa) at

The attack was planned to take place simultaneously, and the two places were occupied after desultory fighting on a small scale. Hitherto no casualties have been reported on our side, but five of the enemy were captured and one waswounded.—Reuter.

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GERMANS BUY UP COPPER COINS.

RACING AT SANDOWN.

45.—Ember 'Chase. 2m.—E.R. (4-1, Mr. H. Awn), 1; Yonder (4-1), 2; Flying Loris (3-1), 5. 6 ran, 15.—Lammas Hurdle. 2m.—Mutton Cutlets (4-1, Mr. theny), 1; Auerban (7-4), 2; Duke of Tipperary (6-1) 4 7 ran.
4.15.—Warren Hurdle. 2m.—Yellow Chat (5-1, Parfre ent). 1: By George! (10-1), 2; Kodak (3-1), 3. 9 ran. LONDON AMUSEMENTS

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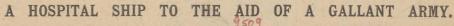
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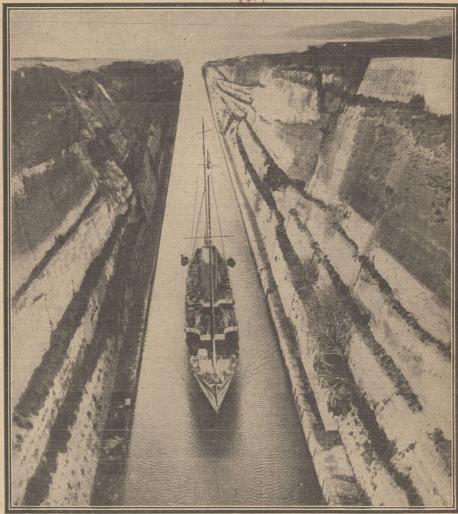


Flight-Lieutenant E. Rigall.

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The Cree British airmen missing since Zeebrugge raid. Flight-Lieutenant Hon. D. O'Brien is in larger picture, and Flight-Sub-Lieutenant T. Spencer in circle.



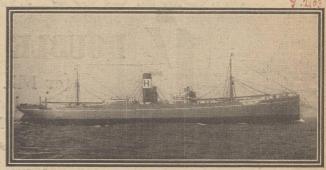
A striking photograph of the Erin, Sir Thomas Lipton's Red Cross yacht, passing through the Corinta Canal on its way to mitigate the sufferings of the brave and gallant Serbian Army. The yacht has been splendidly fitted out as a first-class hospital ship, and carries on board a full medical and nursing staff.

AUSTRIAN BOMBARDMENT OF BELGRADE.



A view of the Army Museum at Belgrade, which has been destroyed by the Austrian bombardment. Note the broken gun and the stacks of old-fashioned cannon balls, The fight for Belgrade has been one of the fiercest in the world war.

ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED.



The British steamer Harpallon, owned by Messrs. J. Harrison, Ltd., of London, which has been torpedoed by a German submarine off Beachy Head. The London steamer Deptford was sunk by a mine or torpedo yesterday off Scarborough.